

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the above amendments, claims 227, 359, 401, 406, 409, 412, 436, 452, 469 and 478 have been amended, claims 453-457, 472-474 and 480 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 519-521 have been added.

Allowed independent claim 452 has been amended to include dependent claim 455, and independent claim 478 has been amended to include dependent claim 480.

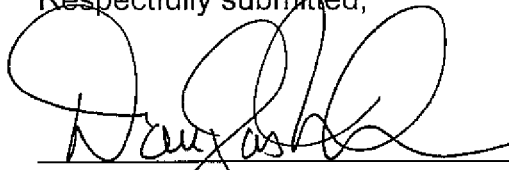
New independent claims 519, 520 and 521 are old allowed dependent claims 454, 456 and 457, respectively, rewritten in independent format.

As all of the claims now pending are in allowable condition, issuance of the Notice of Allowance for this application at an early date is in order and is respectfully requested.

If there are any remaining issues, Examiner Gray is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel for Applicants at (310) 785-5384 to seek to resolve them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0440. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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